

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. ~~A method of configuring paper stock in a printing device, the method comprising:~~

- a) loading paper into a tray of the printing device;
- b) providing information about the paper and the tray to the printing device; and
- 5 c) automatically updating a user interface to include the information about the paper and the tray.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the printing device is a printer.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the printing device is a copier.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the printing device is a multi-function peripheral.

10 5. The method of claim 1 wherein providing information further comprises a control input signal from a control interface on a control panel of the printing device.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein providing information further comprises scanning a piece of the paper stock and associating a resulting scanned image with the paper tray.

15 7. The method of claim 1 wherein providing information further comprises accesses a control interface on a computer connected to the printing device.

8. A method of providing a user interface operable to allow communication with a printing device, the method comprising:

- a) establishing a window on a display device viewable by a user;
- b) providing the user with a view of paper in at least one paper tray of the printing
- 20 device; and
- c) allowing the user to select the at least one paper tray to complete a print job.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the view further comprises a template.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the view further comprises a designated color.

25 11. The method of claim 8 wherein the view further comprises a thumbnail of a piece of the paper.

12. A computer readable medium containing software code, said code operable to:

- a) receive information about paper loaded into a printing device and an associated tray;
- and
- b) update a user interface to include the information.

30 13. The medium of claim 12 wherein the medium further comprises a downloadable file.

14. The medium of claim 12 wherein the medium further comprises a printer driver.